



NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

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RESPONSE REQUIRED

September 7, 2022

Cherie Gramm
1032 Fleming Street
Hendersonville, NC 28791

Conditional Approval- CORRECTED

Project ID #: B-12217-22
Facility: Carolina Mountain Gastroenterology Endoscopy Center
Project Description: Add no more than one GI endoscopy room for a total of no more than three GI endoscopy rooms upon project completion
County: Henderson
FID #: 70560

Approved Capital Expenditure: \$817,983
Conditions of Approval: See Attachment A
Approved Timetable: See Attachment B
Last Date to Appeal: September 26, 2022
Required State Agency Findings: Enclosed

Dear Ms. Gramm:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) has conditionally approved the above referenced certificate of need application. The conditional approval is valid only for the approved capital expenditure shown above. If the capital cost will exceed the approved capital expenditure amount by more than 115%, the applicant must first obtain a new certificate of need.

Response to the conditions in Attachment A should be attached to an email addressed to the Project Analyst and the Co-signer no later than 35 days from the date of the decision. The certificate of need will not be issued if the response to the conditions in Attachment A has not been received by the Agency.

The timetable for completion of the project is the timetable outlined in the certificate of need application, unless an adjustment has been made by the Agency because the review period was extended. The approved timetable for this project is found in Attachment B.

The applicant shall not begin developing this project until after the certificate of need has been issued and the certificate of need will not be issued until the applicant has documented that all conditions that must be met prior to issuance of the certificate of need have been met.

The Certificate of Need law provides that any affected person has thirty (30) days after the date of the decision to file a petition for a contested case on this approval. Further, if you are aggrieved by any of the

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HEALTHCARE PLANNING AND CERTIFICATE OF NEED SECTION

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conditions you may file a petition for a contested case hearing in accordance with G.S.150B, Article 3. This petition must be filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings, 6714 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-6714 within thirty (30) days of the date of this decision. Effective October 1, 2009, OAH requires a filing fee with submittal of petitions for contested cases. Please direct all questions regarding this fee to the OAH Clerk's Office (919-431-3000).

G.S. 150B-23 provides that a party filing a petition must also serve a copy of the petition on all parties to the petition. Therefore, if you file a petition for a contested case hearing, you must serve a copy of the petition on the Department of Health and Human Services by mailing a copy of your petition to:

Julie Cronin
Department of Health and Human Services,
Office of Legal Affairs,
Adams Building – Room 154
2001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-2001

It is requested that a copy of the petition also be served on the Agency.

The certificate of need will not be issued before the completion of thirty-day appeal period which ends on the date shown above. If a contested case petition is filed with OAH within the thirty-day appeal period, the certificate will not be issued until the appeal is resolved.

If the decision is appealed, the timetable set forth in this letter will be adjusted accordingly before the certificate of need is issued. Please contact this office if any clarification of this decision is required.

Please refer to the Project ID # and Facility ID # (FID) in all correspondence.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

- Attachment A: Conditions of Approval
- Attachment B: Approved Timetable
- Required State Agency Findings

cc: Acute & Home Care Licensure & Certification Section, DHSR

Attachment A
Conditions of Approval

- 1. The applicant, Carolina Mountain Gastroenterology Endoscopy Center LLC, (hereafter the certificate holder), shall materially comply with all representations made in the certificate of need application.**
- 2. The certificate holder shall develop one new gastrointestinal endoscopy procedure room for a total of three.**
- 3. Upon completion of the project, the certificate holder shall be licensed for no more than three gastrointestinal endoscopy procedure rooms.**
- 4. The certificate holder shall not acquire as part of this project any equipment that is not included in the project's proposed capital expenditures in Section Q of the application and that would otherwise require a certificate of need.**
- 5. For the first three years of operation following completion of the project, Carolina Mountain Gastroenterology Endoscopy Center shall not increase charges more than 5% of the charges projected in Section Q of the application without first obtaining a determination from the Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section that the proposed increase is in material compliance with the representations in the certificate of need application.**
- 6. Progress Reports:**
 - a. Pursuant to G.S. 131E-189(a), the certificate holder shall submit periodic reports on the progress being made to develop the project consistent with the timetable and representations made in the application on the Progress Report form provided by the Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section. The form is available online at: <https://info.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/coneed/progressreport.html>.**
 - b. The certificate holder shall complete all sections of the Progress Report form.**
 - c. The certificate holder shall describe in detail all steps taken to develop the project since the last progress report and should include documentation to substantiate each step taken as available.**
 - d. Progress reports shall be due on the first day of every fourth month. The first progress report shall be due on January 1, 2023 and so forth.**
- 7. No later than three months after the last day of each of the first three full years of operation following initiation of the services authorized by this certificate holder, shall submit, on the form provided by the Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, an annual report containing the:**

- a. **Payor mix for the services authorized in this certificate of need.**
 - b. **Utilization of the services authorized in this certificate of need.**
 - c. **Revenues and operating costs for the services authorized in this certificate of need.**
 - d. **Average gross revenue per unit of service.**
 - e. **Average net revenue per unit of service.**
 - f. **Average operating cost per unit of service.**
8. **The certificate holder shall acknowledge acceptance of and agree to comply with all conditions stated herein to the Agency in writing prior to issuance of the certificate of need.**

**Attachment B
Approved Timetable**

Milestone		Date mm/dd/yyyy
1	Financing Obtained	12/31/2022
2	Drawings Completed	12/31/2022
3	Land Acquired	N/A
4	Construction / Renovation Contract(s) Executed	05/01/2023
5	25% of Construction / Renovation Completed (25% of the cost is in place)	06/15/2023
6	50% of Construction / Renovation Completed	07/31/2023
7	75% of Construction / Renovation Completed	09/15/2023
8	Construction / Renovation Completed	11/01/2023
9	Equipment Ordered	03/01/2023
10	Equipment Installed	11/15/2023
11	Equipment Operational	11/30/2023
12	Building / Space Occupied	12/15/2023
13	Licensure Obtained	N/A
14	Services Offered	01/01/2024
15	Medicare and / or Medicaid Certification Obtained	N/A
16	Facility or Service Accredited	N/A
17	First Annual Report Due*	03/31/2025